Chicago Black Lesbians and Gays

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GENERAL MEETING

CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR
5654 S. ALBANY

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 14, 1998

10:00 AM

AGENDA

UNITY V CONFERENCE UPDATE

EQUALITY BEGINS AT HOME

Featured Guest Speaker

MUFASA

PRESIDENT, ONYX LEATHERMEN

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Reeling '98: The 18th Chicago Lesbian & Gay International Film Festival

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Co-presented by Chicago Black Lesbians
&
Gays, and Church of the Open Door
present

LEAVING THE SHADOWS BEHIND

Guest curated by Otis Richardson

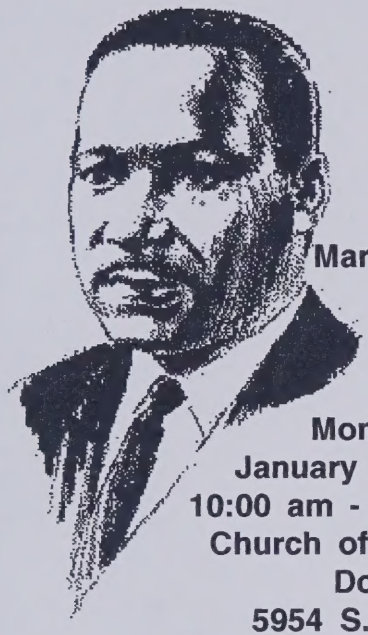
Leaving The Shadows Behind
Mary Morten, USA 1998
This documentary opens with images of a *LIFE* magazine cover featuring Civil Rights pioneer and 1963 March On Washington architect Bayard Rustin. Subsequent images feature James Baldwin, Ma Rainey, and Angela Davis over shouts of "freedom now!" and protest hymns. With this, the connection and involvement of Black lesbians and gays from the beginning of the Civil Rights struggle continues with the burgeoning movement for the equal rights of Black lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people. The aptly titled **Leaving The Shadows Behind** focuses of the activism of Chicago and national Black lesbigaytrans individuals and groups confronting issues of race, visibility, and homophobia as a means of moving into the light of self esteem and acceptance. This work also spotlights the growth of Black lesbigaytrans groups organizing around community, artistic, and spiritual needs. Some of these groups include Chicago Black Lesbians And Gays, A Real Read, and Church Of The Open Door. Ken Reeves, a featured keynote speaker at the 1997 Unity III conference and the nation's first openly gay African-American mayor, acts as a thread through an interesting mix of interviews, footage, and photos documenting this emerging liberation movement. (30 min.)

Dancing On Pearls
K. Brent Hill, USA 1998
"Your shame is not my issue," states a defiant Kevin Greene in response to his father's homophobia. **Dancing On Pearls** is a highly insightful examination of race, sexuality, companionship, and identity by nine diverse Black men living "in the life." (51 min.)

Sunday, November 15, 1998 • 7 PM

Village Theatre, 1548 N. Clark St.
Festival Hot Line: (312) 409-4919

A benefit screening for Church of The Open Door and Chicago Black Lesbians and Gays. Special $15 benefit tickets can be purchased in advance from Chicago Black Lesbians & Gays, PO Box 14811, Chicago, IL 60614-1181. For more information call 312/409-4917.



Martin Luther King Breakfast

Monday
January 18, 1999
10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Church of the Open Door
5954 S. Albany

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TAKE A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE!

Coming soon to a place near you

Chicago Black Lesbians and Gays

UNITY V: ...And Still We Rise: Visions Toward Our Future
April 16, 17, 18, 1999

The Next UNITY V Planning meetings are

Saturday, November 7 @ TPA 1258 West Belmont 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 2, at Horizons 961 W. Montana 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 19 at Horizons 961 W. Montana 11:00 a.m.

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ACCION Chicago

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The Chicago Area
Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce

Present a Program on

Financing Your New Or Growing Business

Friday, Dec. 11

at Affinity
5650 S. Woodlawn in Hyde Park
Reception 6-6:30 p.m. Program 6:30-8 p.m.
FREE, includes Hors d'oeuvres and beverages
Co-Sponsored by Affinity, Literary Exchange and Chicago Black Lesbians and Gays

Feature Presentation by
F. Leroy Pacheco PRESIDENT AND CEO OF *ACCION*

And Guest Speaker
Entrepreneur Donna Johnson PRESIDENT OF LITERARY EXCHANGE

Accion, a non-profit agency, has given out more than $2 million in loans to microentrepreneurs in Chicago's Little Village and Pilsen neighborhoods, and surrounding communities. They are now expanding to the entire city of Chicago, and Cook County, and are particularly interested in helping African-American and lesbigay businesses and start-ups. They provide loans ranging from $500 to $25,000 to small business owners who have been unable to access traditional forms of credit.

The Program is FREE but you must RSVP by Dec. 3 to
BLACKLINES (773) 871-7610 or (312) 464-0260

Please bring non-perishable food items and clothing to donate to BLACKLINES' 'Adopt A Family' program